

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTIONS

PROPOSED CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT—  
LEGISLATORS—DATE OF TAKING  
OFFICE

H. J. R. No. 1

Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution of the State of Texas to establish the date on which newly elected Members of the Legislature shall qualify and take office.

*Be it resolved by the Legislature of the State of Texas:*

Section 1. That Article III, Section 3, of the Constitution of Texas, be and the same is hereby amended so as hereafter to read as follows:

"Section 3. The Senators shall be chosen by the qualified electors for the term of four years; but a new Senate shall be chosen after every apportionment, and the Senators elected after each apportionment shall be divided by lot into two classes. The seats of the Senators of the first class shall be vacated at the expiration of the first two years, and those of the second class at the expiration of four years, so that one half of the Senators shall be chosen biennially thereafter. Senators shall take office following their election, on the day set by law for the convening of the Regular Session of the Legislature, and shall serve thereafter for the full term of years to which elected and until their successors shall have been elected and qualified."

Sec. 2. That Article III, Section 4, of the Constitution of Texas, be and the same is hereby amended so as hereafter to read as follows:

"Section 4. The Members of the House of Representatives shall be chosen by the qualified electors for the term of two years. Representatives shall take office following their election, on the day set by law for the convening of the Regular Session of the Legislature, and shall serve thereafter for the full term of years to which elected and until their successors shall have been elected and qualified."

Sec. 3. The foregoing Constitutional Amendment shall be submitted to a vote of the qualified electors of this State, at an election to be held throughout the State on the first Tuesday after the first Monday in November, 1966, at which election all ballots shall have printed thereon the following:

"FOR the Constitutional Amendment establishing the date on which newly elected Members of the Legislature shall qualify and take office.

"AGAINST the Constitutional Amendment establishing the date on which newly elected Members of the Legislature shall qualify and take office."

If it appears from the returns of such election that a majority of the votes cast therein are for such Amendment, same shall become a part of the Constitution of Texas.

Sec. 4. The Governor of the State of Texas is hereby directed to issue the necessary proclamation for such election and this Amendment shall be published and the election shall be held as required by the Constitution and laws of this State.

## PROPOSED CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS

Adopted by the House on February 23, 1965: Yeas 138, Nays 0; House refused to concur in Senate amendments on May 11, 1965, and requested the appointment of a Conference Committee to consider the differences between the two Houses; House adopted the Conference Committee Report on May 21, 1965: Yeas 108, Nays 30; passed by the Senate, with amendments, on April 29, 1965: Yeas 31, Nays 0; at the request of the House, the Senate appointed a Conference Committee to consider the differences between the two Houses; Senate adopted the Conference Committee Report on May 19, 1965: Yeas 30, Nays 0.  
Signed by the Governor June 2, 1965.

### PROPOSED CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT— VETERANS' LAND BOARD—BONDS

H. J. R. No. 5

Proposing an Amendment to Section 49-b, Article III of the Constitution of Texas so as to authorize an increase in the total amount of bonds or obligations that may be issued by the Veterans' Land Board to Four Hundred Million Dollars (\$400,000,000); providing for the issuance of said bonds or obligations and the conditions relating thereto and the use of the Veterans' Land Fund; and providing for an election and the issuance of a proclamation therefor.

*Be it resolved by the Legislature of the State of Texas:*

Section 1. That Section 49-b, Article III of the Constitution of Texas, be amended so that the same will hereafter read as follows:

"Section 49-b. By virtue of prior Amendments to this Constitution, there has been created a governmental agency of the State of Texas performing governmental duties which has been designated the Veterans' Land Board. Said Board shall continue to function for the purposes specified in all of the prior Constitutional Amendments except as modified herein. Said Board shall be composed of the Commissioner of the General Land Board and two (2) citizens of the State of Texas, one (1) of whom shall be well versed in veterans' affairs and one (1) of whom shall be well versed in finances. One (1) such citizen member shall, with the advice and consent of the Senate, be appointed biennially by the Governor to serve for a term of four (4) years; but the members serving on said Board on the date of adoption hereof shall complete the terms to which they were appointed. In the event of the resignation or death of any such citizen member, the Governor shall appoint a replacement to serve for the unexpired portion of the term to which the deceased or resigning member had been appointed. The compensation for said citizen members shall be as is now or may hereafter be affixed by the Legislature; and each shall make bond in such amount as is now or may hereafter be prescribed by the Legislature.

"The Commissioner of the General Land Office shall act as Chairman of said Board and shall be the administrator of the Veterans' Land Program under such terms and restrictions as are now or may hereafter be provided by law. In the absence or illness of said Commissioner, the Chief Clerk of the General Land Office shall be the Acting Chairman of